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News and Notes from the
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NOVEMBER, 1986

PRAISES

MCC of Adelaide would like to thank all of you who shared with them in prayer and fasting on September 29th when Rev. Harry de Jong underwent surgery at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Praise God that he is well and in fact so well that he was discharged to return home on October 4th. Rev. Harry continues to recuperate and will be on sick leave for the month of October. Your continued prayers are asked for and appreciated. Truly our God is a great & marvelous God. Hallelujah!

PRAYERS

Prayers for all our family who have aids, or who have lost a loved one to aids.

Prayers for Jim Hensley, lay pastor of Emanuelle MCC, Delaware, whose father died unexpectedly on Oct. 28, 1986.

Prayers for Rev. Arthur Runyan, MCC Richmond, whose father died on Oct. 21, 1986.

Please remember to go and VOTE on November 4th, as your vote does count and is desperately needed. For those of you who are residing in California, remember to VOTE NO ON PROP. 64! Our family with aids needs your support on this one.

REV. JAY DEACON APPOINTED TO OFFICE OF LESBIAN & GAY CONCERNS

Rev. Jay Deacon, an ordained Unitarian Universalist Minister, has recently been appointed to the Unitarian Universalist Association's office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns as Director in Boston, MA. Jay works to create a better understanding of and equality for lesbian, gay and bisexual persons internally and externally. According to the Unitarians by-laws, the purpose of the Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns is to affirm, defend and promote the supreme worth of every human person. Rev. Jay Deacon received his Doctorate in Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Jay has formerly worked in the Metropolitan Community Church in Hartford, CT and Chicago, IL, serving the lesbian and gay communities.

"aids: What Everyone Should Know"

The American College Health Association has published a very good brochure entitled, "aids: What Everyone Should Know". It includes information on what aids is, who can get it, the HTLV-III test, symptoms and risk reduction. These brochures are available by writing to ACHA at 15879 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20855, Phone: (301) 963-1100. The cost is 40¢ each plus 5% of postage paid in advance. Bulk rates for over 100 copies are available.

1987 NAT'L LESBIAN & GAY HEALTH NEW NEWSLETTER SUPPORTS GAY COUPLES

The world's only publication specifically for gay and lesbian families premieres this December. Available only by subscription, PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples will feature articles by professionals and by couples themselves. The newsletter, will contain timely and concise news, features, media notes and interviews. The eight-page monthly newsletter will discuss issues such as buying a house together, spousal rights when your partner is in the hospital, and sex outside a primary relationship. Free contact notices are available to subscribers. Subscriptions run \$36 a year, \$66 for two years. Those who subscribe before Nov. 4th qualify for a \$6 discount. A sample issue will be available for \$3. To subscribe, or for information concerning submissions, write PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

SPIRITUAL LEADER WANTED

MCC Amarillo is currently searching for a pastor for a young, maturing Commissioned Church. Our congregation consists of 38 members in a solid core group committed to the achievement of God's purposes in our community. Attendance at Sunday worship services consistently range between 25-40. We are seeking a spiritual leader who will lead us in the continuation of long-term growth and development. Please pray with us about this opening, and if God leads you to respond to this call, please contact us. Your response will be kept confidential. Please write to:

MCC Amarillo, P.O. Box 1276, Amarillo, TX 79105
(806) 372-4557.

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TOP 20 TITHES

(Received by October 10, 1986)

1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$1,803.20
2.	MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA	1,540.46
3.	Church/Holy Spirit...Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1,076.80
4.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	1,006.07
5.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	969.40
6.	King of Peace MCC.....St Petersburg, FL	922.00
7.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington, DC	902.64
8.	All God's Children MCC..Minneapolis, MN	885.29
9.	MCC of the Pomona Valley....Ontario, CA	772.03
10.	MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco, CA	617.16
11.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	577.34
12.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	565.76
13.	MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	533.03
14.	St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	531.94
15.	MCC Greater Kansas Cty..Kansas City, MO	525.93
16.	Agape MCC of Ft Worth.....Ft Worth, TX	506.60
17.	MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	506.36
18.	MCC Detroit.....Detroit, MI	487.12
19.	MCC New York.....New York, NY	440.12
20.	MCC Seattle.....Seattle, WA	427.86

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TOP 20 PER CAPITA

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1.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	\$ 20.95
2.	MCC of the Pomona Valley....Ontario, CA	19.59
3.	MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	19.16
4.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	18.37
5.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	16.76
6.	MCC Providence.....Providence, RI	16.60
7.	MCC of the Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	16.07
8.	Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	15.31
9.	New Covenant MCC.....Anaheim, CA	14.48
10.	Oasis MCC.....Phoenix, AZ	14.22
11.	MCC Mt. Vernon.....Mt. Vernon, WA	14.18
12.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	14.17
13.	Good Shepherd MCC.....Riverside, CA	14.01
14.	Whitewater Valley MCC.....Richmond, IN	13.91
15.	Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	13.74
16.	MCC Ottawa.....Ontario, CANADA	13.61
17.	MCC Washington DC..TIE...Washington, DC	13.37
17.	MCC Hartford.....TIE.....Hartford, CT	13.37
18.	Diablo Valley MCC.....Concord, CA	13.09
19.	Family of God MCC.....Billings, MT	13.02
20.	Open Arms MCC.....Rochester, NY	12.85

UPS ADDRESSES

The UFMCC Office is asking that all MCC Churches please send us a note letting us know what your UPS address is. You can use the tithe transmittal forms (D001 forms) for this. Remember: a UPS address cannot be a PO Box number. Thank you for your support.

THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE

The plans for UFMCC's 3rd International Christian Conference for Lesbian and Gay People of Color, 'are well under way. Exciting and informative workshops are planned and a dinner/dance with entertainment and our keynote address with Rev. Carl Bean. All workshops/panel discussion and worship services are OPEN to all people with the exception of the racial caucuses and business meetings. Some partial scholarships ARE AVAILABLE!! Registration ranges from \$75.00 to \$20.00. ALL WE NEED IS YOU! MAKE YOUR VOICE AND PRESENCE HEARD; Join us November 21-23 at the Ambassador Hotel, in mid-town, Los Angeles, for this historic event. For more information contact, Roberto Ochoa-Schutz, Co-Conference Coordinator or Rev. Loni Allen at (213) 464-5100 or (213) 668-1766. (PLEASE ANNOUNCE)!

COMMISSION ON MISSIOLOGY MEETS!

The Department of Third World Ministries, Commission on Missiology (C.O.M.) will be meeting November 19, prior to the Third World Conference, November 21-23. This is the COM's first meeting and we will begin to explore and develop together our theology of missions or of outreach. This is critical work beginning as we experience the rise of people of color as a majority population in major USA cities, and as new churches emerge in Third World Countries around the world. Please contact your district TWM Task Force Chair or Representative for input or more information, or call Rev. Delores Berry at (301) 362-8431. (PLEASE ANNOUNCE)!

GENERAL COUNCIL III HIGHLIGHTS

-- Charters were approved for: MCC BUFFALO, NEW YORK and MCC CHRIST THE LIBERATOR, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

-- The Corporate & Legal Division made major progress in giving approval to the majority of District SOP's. The rest should be compiled soon.

-- The Program & Budget Division started the process to develop the UFMCC budget for 1988-89. Meetings were held with all the program heads.

-- General Conference 1989 - The General Council has selected St. Paul, Minneapolis as the site for General Conference '89.

-- General Conference 1987 - Mr. Ken Caton has been selected as "Director of Music" for General Conference '87. Ken is on staff in MCC San Diego, and is the Music Coordinator for the Southwest District. Ken has also previously served as the Music Director for the Conferences held by the United Methodist Church and Apostolic Faith Church. CONGRATULATIONS KEN!!!

-- Registration forms for General Conference '87, in Miami Beach will be sent to all UFMCC Churches in December 1986!

-- The minutes of General Council III meetings will be distributed by January 1987.